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4. (Amended): A method for inducing or enhancing chondrogenesis in cells comprising the step of exposing said cells to a matrix composition comprising type II collagen, hyaluronate and an effective amount of BMP-4 sufficient to induce or enhance chondrogenesis.

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice.

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7. (Amended): A method according to claim 20, 21, 22 or 23 wherein said step of exposing said cells occurs *in vivo*.

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9. (Amended): A method according to claim 20, 21, 22 or 23 wherein said step of exposing said cells occurs *in vitro*.

Please add new claims 20-23.

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20. A method for inducing or enhancing chondrogenesis in cells comprising the step of exposing said cells to a matrix composition comprising type I collagen and an effective amount of BMP-4 and GDF-5 sufficient to induce or enhance chondrogenesis.

21. A method for inducing or enhancing chondrogenesis in cells comprising the step of exposing said cells to a matrix composition comprising type II collagen and an effective amount of BMP-4 and GDF-5 sufficient to induce or enhance chondrogenesis.

22. A method for inducing or enhancing chondrogenesis in cells comprising the step of exposing said cells to a matrix composition comprising type I collagen, hyaluronate and an effective amount of BMP-4 and GDF-5 sufficient to induce or enhance chondrogenesis.

23. A method for inducing or enhancing chondrogenesis in cells comprising the step of exposing said cells to a matrix composition comprising type II collagen, hyaluronate and an effective amount of BMP-4 and GDF-5 sufficient to induce or enhance chondrogenesis.